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TRY TO PUT TOGETHER DEN UYL GOVERNMENT

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1. SUMMARY: ON ADVICE OF CO- INFORMATEURS VAN AGT AND ALBEDA, QUEEN HAS APPOINTED COUNCIL OF STATE MEMBERS BURGER (LABOR) AND RUPPORT (ARP) TO FORM GOVERNMENT WITH " SUFFICIENT SUPPORT IN PARLIAMENT." FORMATEURS HAVE BEGUN MEETING WITH PROSPECTIVE MINISTERS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN PRE- CONSTITUENT CABINET SESSION TO DISCUSS NEW GOVT' S PROGRAM ALONG LINES OF VAN AGT- ALBEDA " WORK DOCUMENT." CHU NOW WISHES PARTICIPATE IN NEW GOVT AND IS DEMANDING ONE MINISTER' S SEAT. LEFT WING REMAINS ADAMANT ON 10 LEFT WING, 6 CONFESSONAL PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. CO- INFORMATEURS VAN AGT AND ALBEDA, WHO MADE END REPORT TO QUEEN APRIL 23, TOLD HM REACTION TO THEIR " WORK DOCUMENT" FROM BOTH CONFESSONAL AND LEFT WING BLOCS INDICATED THERE STRONG POSSIBILITY NEW GOVT COULD BE FORMED FAIRLY SOON. HM THEN APPOINTED HER FIRST FORMATEUR RUPPERT AND FIRST FORMATEUR BURGER CO- INFOR-
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MATEURS WITH MANDATE TO FORM GOVT WHICH COULD DEPEND ON " SUFFICIENT SUPPORT IN SECOND CHAMBER." AFTER COURTESY CALL ON PM BIESHEUVEL APR 24, FORMATEURS BEGAN MEETING WITH PROSPECTIVE MINISTERS IN NEQ GOVT. THEY SAW LABOR'S PROFESSOR VAN KEMENADE (EDUCATION) APR 24 AND WILL SEE LABOR'S PROFESSOR DUYSENBERG (FINANCE) AND RADICALS' TRIPP (SCIENCE) TODAY APR 25.

3. CHU PARLIAMENTARY GROUP WHICH MET ALL DAY APR 24 ANNOUNCED TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE IT WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRE- CONTINUED CABINET SESSION AND WANTED MINISTER'S PORTFOLIO. CHU FLOOR LEADER TILANUS SAID SINCE CABINET FORMATION IN NEW PHASE CHU'S PREVIOUSLY STATED PREFERENCE FOR RESTORED FIVE- PARTY GOVT NO LONGER GERMANE. TILANUS DENIED HE HAD AGREED WITH OTHER CONFIDENTIAL PARTIES IN SECRET MEETING IN RUPPERT'S HOME APR 21 TO TAKE TWO STATE SECRETARIES POSITION. HE CLAIMED ARP AND KVP HAD SUPPORTED CHU'S CLAIM TO MINISTERIAL SEAT IN LETTER SENT TO BURGER FEB 23. FORMATEURS HAVE NOT REPLIED TO TILANUS. LEFT WING MAINTAINS 10-6 DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL SEATS NOT NEGOTIABLE. KVP FLOOR LEADER ANDRIESSEN AND ARP FLOOR LEADER AANTJES HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON THEIR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTNER'S DESIRE FOR INCLUSION IN CABINET AND NEITHER ARP NOR KVP HAS VOLUNTEERED ONE OF ITS SEATS TO CHU AS LEFT WING SUGGESTED.

4. COMMENT: CHU DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN DEN UYL GOVT HAS TAKEN LEFT WING AND CONFIDENTIALS BY SURPRISE. IN PRESS CONFERENCE APR 24, VAN AGT AND ALBEDA SAID 10-6 PORTFOLIO DIVISION WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEMS. LABOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER DESIGNATE VAN DER STOEL TOLD EMBOFF HE SAW " FINE ITALIAN HAND" OF CHU MINISTER UDINK IN CHU EFFORT TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN FORMATION AND HOPEFULLY UPSET IT. LIBERAL SECOND CHAMBER MEMBER KONING TOLD EMBOFF APR 25 HIS PARLIAMENTARY GROUP RESIGNED TO DEN UYL GOVT BUT HOPED IT WOULD NOT LAST LONG. CHU MINISTER VAN VEEN (EDUCATION) TOLD EMBOFF APR 25 HE WAS SURE DEN UYL GOVT WOULD BE IN PLACE WITHIN FEW WEEKS BUT HIS CHU CABINET COLLEAGUE UDINK (HOUSING) WAS " STILL NOT SURE." CHU DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMATION APPEARS YET ANOTHER DEVICE TO FORESTALL DEN UYL CABINET. FORMATEURS, WHO SO FAR ARE STUDIOUSLY IGNORING THIS EFFORT, CONTINUE TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATE MINISTERS AND ACT AS IF CABINET DEN UYL IS FORGONE CONCLUSION.
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